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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Legislative Strategy for the Tax Reform Bill HR 3838

1. The first step is to develop a point of contact on the Senate Finance Committee staff. This will enable us to get information on the progress of the bill in general and the three year recovery provision in particular. It will also enable us to informally express our concerns about the impact of the repeal of the provision on the Agency workforce. We are seeking the assistance of the SSCI staff in determining which member of the Finance Committee staff is responsible for that portion of the bill.

2. Secondly, there are members of the Finance Committee who are also SSCI members whom we can contact to press for favorable treatment for federal employees. Senators Durenberger, Roth, Bentsen, Boren and Bradley are members of both Committees. In addition, Senator Chafee, a former member of SSCI, has already gone on record as opposing any change to the three year recovery rule. This indicates that there is already some support for eliminating the troublesome provision.

3. Finally, we have learned from a Senate Governmental Affairs staffer that there may be an effort "outside" the Finance Committee, namely on that committee, to initiate legislation to retain the three year recovery rule. We will monitor this very closely.

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